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APRIL 11

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1. DURING THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF APRIL 11 THE
GENERAL COMMITTEE MET TO DISCUSS AMERASINGHE'S SYNTHESIZED
DRAFT REPORT OF SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ORGANIZA-
TION OF WORK FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION. AMERASINGHE, IN A
DETERMINED AND AT TIMES UNYIELDING MANNER, MASTERFULLY
AND EXPEDITIOUSLY BROUGHT HIS DRAFT REPORT THROUGH THE
COMMITTEE, SUBSTANTIVELY ALMOST UNALTERED. SINCE THE
MAJORITY OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES HAD BEEN RESOLVED AT THE
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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 10, REPORTED REFTTEL,
NO DELEGATION TOOK AN OVERLY FIRM POSITION ON THE
PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS. HIS DRAFT REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY
THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PLENARY FOR
FINAL APPROVAL.

2. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THOSE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THE

DRAFT PROPOSAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NEGOTIATING GROUPS SHOULD COMPRISE A NUCLEUS OF THOSE COUNTRIES PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED BUT BE OPEN-ENDED. EACH NEGOTIATING GROUP WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO FORM SMALLER GROUPS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. DRAFTING GROUPS WOULD FALL IN THIS CATEGORY. RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THESE SMALL GROUPS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARENT BODY. THE CHAIRMEN OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUPS WOULD IN TURN REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

B. WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUPS ARE REPORTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT, BEFORE BRINGING THE RESULTS TO PLENARY, SHOULD CONSULT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AS TO WHAT HE WOULD WISH TO BE DONE IN THE MATTER. TWO ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION MAY BE ADOPTED: (I) THE CHAIRMAN MIGHT WISH FIRST TO HAVE HIS COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE RESULTS BEFORE BRINGING THEM TO PLENARY OR (II) THE RESULTS COULD BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY TO PLENARY BY THE PRESIDENT WHEN THEY ARE REPORTED TO HIM. WHEN THE RESULTS OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS ARE REPORTED TO PLENARY, IT WOULD BE OPEN TO PLENARY AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE, IF IT SO DECIDES, TO SEND THE MATTER BACK TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE CONCERNED IF IT WOULD PROMOTE THE PROSPECTS OF A SETTLEMENT.

C. MODIFICATIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT SHOULD EMERGE FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT BE INTRODUCED ON THE INITIATIVE OF A SINGLE PERSON, WHETHER IT BE THE PRESIDENT OR CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE, UNLESS PRESENTED TO PLENARY AND FOUND ACCEPTABLE TO AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE CONFERENCE.

D. REVISION OF THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT SHOULD BE THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES, ACTING TOGETHER AS A TEAM HEADED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND THE RAPPOREUR-GENERAL SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEAM AS THE FORMER SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT DETERMINED ANY REVISION AND THE LATTER SHOULD, EX-OFFICIO, BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CONFERENCE HAS PROCEEDED AT ALL STAGES.

3. THE MAJORITY OF LATINS IN THEIR DEALING WITH AMERASINGHE HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE MAINTAINING A LOW PRO-

FILE. PERU HAS CONTINUED TO BE VOCAL IN THE DISCUSSIONS BUT IN ALMOST EVERY INSTANCE HAS BACKED THE PRESIDENT WHEN IT APPEARED THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS MIGHT BE IN DISAGREEMENT. AMERASINGHE, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHARED MANY VIEWS EXPRESSED BY PERU AND IT APPEARED THAT BOTH WERE ATTEMPTING TO HEAL THE DIFFERENCES THAT WERE SO APPARENT DURING THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF AMERASINGHE'S CONTINUATION. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT COULD NOT HAVE MOVED THESE SESSIONS ON THE GENERAL COMMITTEE IF THE LATINS HAD NOT PERMITTED HIM TO DO SO.

4. AMERASINGHE CLOSED THE APRIL 11 GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING BY READING A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MAL-

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TESE LOS DELEGATION. THIS LETTER STATED THAT MALTA WAS A CANDIDATE FOR THE SEAT OF THE AUTHORITY AND HAD ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS REQUESTED THAT THE RSNT AND NOW THE ICNT NOT REPEAT NOT CONTAIN SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO JAMAICA AS THE HOST FOR THIS INTERNATIONAL BODY. INSTEAD ARTICLE 154 PARA 3 OF THE ICNT SHOULD READ "THE SEAT OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE BLANK" AND THE CONFERENCE SHOULD DECIDE WHICH OF THE NOW THREE CANDIDATES (FIJI AS WELL) SHOULD

ULTIMATELY RECEIVE THE DISTINCTION. ALDRICH

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